

2019 WVWS Workshop

"Strategies for Creating Abstract Paintings"

The 2019 WVWS Workshop will feature another talented and popular artist, Rita Montrosse, GWS, KWS, WVWS, SWS, of Princeton, WV, brought back by popular demand. The workshop will be at North Bend State Park near Harrisville, WV, and is scheduled for August 1 - 4, 2019.

Rita Montrosse's work and bibliography can be found on her website <https://www.ritamontrosse.com/> and also at <https://www.facebook.com/rita.montrosse>.

North Bend State Park can be reached at 304-643-2931 ext. 304 if you wish to stay there (the workshop fee does not cover accommodations). Please make reservations with Kristy Steed. The park is located between Harrisville, (the county seat of Ritchie County) and the picturesque, historic town of Cairo, WV. The park is about 40 minutes east of Parkersburg on U.S. 50, and about an hour west from Clarksburg, on U.S. 50.



A painting by Rita Montrosse: "Mystic Intersection"

Rita Montrosse has been an artist/educator for 34 years having taught at Princeton High School in Mercer County and as an adjunct instructor at Concord University in watercolor and metalsmithing. She has received awards from Allied Arts of West Virginia, the Georgia Watercolor Society, Kentucky Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society, Orange County National Watercolor Exhibition and many others. She also has had many one-person shows in Princeton, WV, in Abingdon and Norfolk, VA, in Washington, DC, and many other locations.

Rita says that in whichever media she uses, she works in a series, starting with a representational theme and pushing it as far as it can go in developing the concepts. For example, "Mystic Intersection" (above) is part of a series of paintings about the mysterious Anasazis, a popular term for Ancestral Pueblo culture, an ancient Native American civilization. Other paintings in the series have been about their remarkable cliff dwellings and the ascent to the dwellings.

The fee for the workshop will be \$275 for WVWS members and \$300 for nonmembers. Checks should be made out to WVWS and mailed to Judy Reed, 132 Liberty Street, Salem, WV 26426. She can be reached at (304)-669-3041 or jmreed16@yahoo.com. The workshop fee is nonrefundable after July 1, 2019. Check the WVWS website for workshop descriptions, a list of supplies, directions to the park, and other updates.

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Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Return Form and Workshop Fee Payment (make checks out to WVWS) to: **Judy Reed, 132 Liberty Street, Salem, WV 26426.**
Reservations for rooms can be made with North Bend State Park by calling 304-643-2931 ext. 304, and ask for Kristy Steed, so we can all be registered together in the lodge. Call the park for room reservations by July 1, 2019.